

Arkansas TORNADO Drill Narrative –

To be sent as a Weather Radio Test at 10 AM on Wednesday, March 1st, 2017

Read live for Weather Radio Test: “This is a test Tornado Drill for Arkansas’ Severe Weather Awareness Week. Use this drill to practice your tornado sheltering plan. Remember, a real tornado warning means that a tornado has been detected by radar or sighted. Take immediate action to protect your life! Stay away from windows, doors and exterior walls. Repeating, this is a test tornado drill.

- Go to a shelter area, such as a basement or the lowest level in the building;
- If there is no basement, go to the center of an interior room on the lowest level (closet, interior hallway) away from corners, windows, doors and outside walls;
- Put as many walls as possible between you and the outside;
- Crouch down on the ground next to or under something sturdy and use your arms to protect your head and neck
- Do not open the windows
- In the event of a real tornado warning, stay in your shelter until the threat has passed.

For more information regarding how to prepare your tornado sheltering plan, please visit:
www.ready.gov/tornadoes”

Extra information (not read as part of the drill):

If severe weather is expected during this time, the scheduled backup time/date for the tornado drill is 10AM on Thursday, March 2nd 2017.

We will NOT send another alert tone to conclude the tornado drill. If you practiced getting into your tornado shelter, once everyone has sheltered, simply resume your normal activities. Real tornado warnings do not contain an “all clear” message. Once the warning expires or is cancelled, the threat has passed.